



Town of Griswold

28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351



**Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
Selectmen's Meeting Room
28 Main Street, Jewett City, CT
October 21, 2014
4:45 PM**

APPROVED MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 4:47 by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman
Philip Anthony, Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Mario Tristany, Town Planner
11 other interested citizens
1 member of the press

- 2. Discussion and possible action on presentation from Mario Tristany regarding the next STEAP Grant process and application** - Mario Tristany, Town Planner, commented we were not successful with the 2014 STEAP or MSIF grant for the completion of the Main Street Lighting project. The 2015 STEAP grant has been announced and we have completed an application applying for \$380,000 which is the amount needed to complete the lighting project as well as some contingency money and money for as built plans. The application is due the end of the month. M. Tristany noted they have started something new and that is they are now announcing awards prior to the due dates. He also noted he and K. Skulczyck met with April Capone from the state to discuss the town's inability to secure one of the last two grants. P. Anthony inquired as to why the maximum amount of \$500,000 is not being sought. M. Tristany noted since we have been denied when asking for the max, that maybe it would be more appealing to ask for just what is needed to finish the lighting project. M. Tristany ran down the individual costs to complete the lighting project. S. Mikutel asked if the grant application was submitted to the BOS to review. M. Tristany commented it is the same application that was submitted as the last time with

the exception that the façade improvements were taken out. S. Mikutel asked to see a copy in advance next time a grant is applied for.

MOTION: Motion was made by P. Anthony, seconded by S. Mikutel, to authorize the STEAP grant process and application as presented to the Board of Selectmen for Main Street Lighting project program and authorize the First Selectman, Kevin Skulczyck, to act as the town's representative and administrator for said grant and to execute said documents. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 3. Discussion and possible action on presentation by Dana Peloso, representing employees and status of Griswold Ambulance** – K. Skulczyck asked Dana Peloso to take the floor, and reminded him at this time, the BOS does have an RFP out for ambulance service and is continuing to see that through. D. Peloso spoke about cuts that could be made in salaries, hours worked and medical insurance and increases in revenue by adding a second ambulance at a minimum of three times per week. He noted information from other towns shows the average income for a call is \$350. He noted he works for other ambulance services that get very little money from the town. D. Peloso noted he does not understand why the ambulance cannot sustain and has no idea; it would be pure speculation, on why. He also noted prior to the past three years, service at the cycle club was turned down. He could not answer for S. Mikutel, exactly how much it takes to run the ambulance for a year. D. Peloso said he get numbers from comparative ambulance services. S. Mikutel noted that would be necessary. There was brief discussion of the Plainfield Ambulance and when they were run by the American Legion and the town was giving them very little money. K. Skulczyck noted that Plainfield received nothing from the town this year, and he believes last year as well. K. Skulczyck inquired as to whether or not there has been any talk amongst the ambulance about changing those in charge. D. Peloso noted since last week, those in charge have been badgering and there has been no such talk. K. Skulczyck noted he needs to get together a business model. S. Mikutel noted it is not the BOS that even has the final say, it is the Department of Health that has to give the blessing to whatever the town and the residents approve. K. Skulczyck suggested that D. Peloso try to get some guidance from the state. D. Peloso noted he did submit a request for a vote of no confidence and it was disregarded. His attempts to try to reach the authorities at the legion led him in a circle. There was brief discussion regarding the Board of Directors at the legion as to how the members become part of the Board and if there are any bylaws. The BOS agreed to meet again to further discuss details when D. Peloso could put together some more information.
- 4. Discussion and possible action on recommendation of final candidate for position of Assessor** – S. Mikutel suggested that the Union also sign off on the letter that we are requesting the applicant to sign.

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to offer Jennifer Gauthier the position of Assessor on the condition that she passes a background check and physical and that she signs the letter indicating that she agrees

to relinquish her position if she cannot complete getting her certification from the state by January 1, 2016, that she be a CT certified Assessor by that date and that the union agrees to those conditions and signs off on the letter also. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by S. Mikutel, seconded by P. Anthony, to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant**